**Extension of Rajasthan Canal**

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project to extend Rajasthan Canal from Danan to Gadra Road in Barmer has been prepared; if so, the details of its alignment, cost and other parameters; and

(b) whether the implementation of the project has been started and if so, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OFWATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) The Sagar Mai Gopa Branch takes off from the tail end of the Indira Gandhi Main Canal (Rajasthan Canal) and from its tail end, the Gadra Road Sub Branch starts. As per the information provided by the Government of Rajasthan, the Gadra Road Sub Branch System with Danan Minor which includes Gadra Road Distributary, Danan Distributary and Minors have been approved by the Planning Commission.

The State Government has also informed that the Gadra Road Sub Branch System runs near the villages Bandha, Sam, Dabripar, Satani, Koria, Hatri, Daw, Miajlar, Bambhara, Kohria, Kheri Jamsa, Kanod of Jaisalmer District and villages Sundra, Jaisindhar, Hadusar and Harsani of Barmer District. Danana Distributary off-takes at 63.5 K.M. (Kilometre) of Gadra Road Sub Branch.

According to the State Government, the total cost of the Gadra Road Sub Branch system with escalation has been estimated to be about Rs. 725 Crore.The total length of the Sub Branch is 125.20 Kilometre, with a discharge of 45.81 cubic metre per second (cumec) at its head and a distribution system of 865.72 Kilometre. The total Culturable Command Area of the system is 2.03 Lac Hectare. The branch at its head is having a bed width of 6.40 metre and full supply depth of 3.35 metre with a free board of 0.76 metre.

(b) According to the State Government, the implementation of the Gadra Road Sub Branch system has been started and is likely to be completed by the year 2009-10.